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SOVIET SOLDIERS' CRIMES PROTESTED

19 STUDENTS SENTENCED -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 10 Oct 51

According to the anti-Communist Fighters Against Inhumanity, in West Berlin, a court in Zwickau (Sachsen) has sentenced 19 students to a total of 130 years at forced labor because of alleged anti-GDR activity. The trial took place on 3 October behind closed doors. One 17-year-old student got 15 years; one 16-year-old, 14 years; one 18-year-old, 13 years; one 17-year-old, 12 years, and two 18-year-olds, 10 years each at forced labor. The only adult accused, a druggist, was sentenced to 5 years. The rest of the accused, all between 16 and 21 years of age, including two girls, were given sentences of from 2 to 8 years at forced labor. The students, according to the report of the Fighters Against Inhumanity, distributed leaflets in which last year's East German elections were called a mockery. -- Reuters

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL OUSTED IN GDR POLITICAL PURGE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 18 May 51

In the course of political purges conducted in the German Democratic Republic, Walter Reede, an administration official, was blacklisted and expelled from the SED party.

Reede, who had spent 11 years in a concentration camp, accused the party commission of having subjected him to worse treatment than he had ever been exposed to at the hands of the people's enemies.

Reede had refused to join the League for German-Soviet Friendship because he believes in friendship with all peoples.

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CLAMP DOWN ON RESISTANCE FIGHTERS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt,
25 Sep 51

Karl Maron, chief of the People's Police of the German Democratic Republic, has ordered the use of more stringent police measures against resistance fighters. A voluminous directive dealing with procedure against persons guilty of spreading inflammatory propaganda and committing acts of sabotage has been issued. Under this directive all such material found must be turned over to the police for investigation and examination of fingerprints. An exact description of the location in which such leaflets or other material had been found must be given.

PROTEST CRIMES OF SOVIET SOLDIERS IN GDR -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung,
12 Sep 51

The West Berlin newspaper Telegraf reports that a state of emergency has been declared by the People's Police headquarters in Weimar, because of the brutal murder of 18 women and girls by members of a Soviet penal company composed of Mongolian troops. The municipal administration of Weimar confirmed that the murders were committed by bandits in Soviet uniforms. Weimar residents attended the funeral en masse, giving it the character of a mass demonstration.

Similar incidents are said to have occurred in Kreis Ilmenau, where Asiatic troops of the Red Army were assembled for fall maneuvers. -- DPA

CARRY OUT LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 12 Sep 51

An Erfurt (Thuringen) court has sentenced four members of the forbidden Jehovah's Witnesses to a combined total of 26 years in the penitentiary for illegal political activities.

A spokesman for the religious sect stated that the East German courts had sentenced 13 of its leading members to life imprisonment, and 425 members to a combined total of 3,094 years in penitentiaries or jails. An additional 708 members, including 176 women, have been taken into custody pending trial. -- Reuters

SENTENCED FOR SPREADING POLITICAL JOKES -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung,
15 Oct 51

The Penal Division of the Mecklenburg Supreme Court in Rostock sentenced a merchant, Alfred Tschoerner, to 10 years in the penitentiary for defamation of the leaders of the German Democratic Republic, Wilhelm Pieck and Otto Grotewohl.

Tschoerner and his daughter Hildegard had composed and spread political jokes and derogatory verses about the East German government.

YOUTHS CONVICTED IN SECRET TRIALS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt,
22 Sep 51

Berlin, 13 September (DPA) In Halle/Saale 14 young persons, among them 11 students, have been sentenced to prison terms of from 8 to 15 years. They were convicted in secret trials, on charges of disseminating propaganda material from West Berlin, and of slandering the German Democratic Republic.

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AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS FALL PREY TO HOAX -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt,
22 Jun 51

Recently, over 1,000 Communists in the East Sector of Vienna received registered letters, each with the same laconic statement: Dear comrade, you are hereby expelled from the Austrian Communist Party for ideological deviationism.

Afraid of more serious developments, many of the recipients fled to the West under cover of night. Only one of the persons involved had the courage to demand an explanation from party headquarters. The leadership was thunderstruck; it had not sent the letters.

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